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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2002 and a phone interview that occurred on December 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 1, with the following replacement paragraph:

Figure 1 is a side view of a known motor housing 10 including a shell 12 having an inner surface 14 and an outer surface 16. Shell 12 defines a cavity 18 therein in which a motor (not shown) is housed. A plurality of mounting hardware or fasteners 20 are attached to shell outer surface 16 and extend radially outwardly from shell outer surface 16. More specifically, fasteners 20 are spaced circumferentially around housing 10, and in the exemplary embodiment, are welded to shell outer surface 16.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 11, with the following replacement paragraph:

In the exemplary embodiment, projections 60 are identical, and each projection has an outer diameter 66. In an alternative embodiment, projections 60 are non-identical and are sized differently. An opening 68 extends substantially concentrically through each projection 60. Each opening 68 has a diameter 70 that is sized to receive a fastener 80 therethrough. Fastener 80 enables housing 30 to be coupled to an applicable support (not shown). In the exemplary embodiment, each fastener 80 is threaded and includes a head 82 including a top surface 84 and a bottom surface 86. Each respective projection 60 is sized to receive fastener

